

University Hospital Waterford Antenatal Clinic

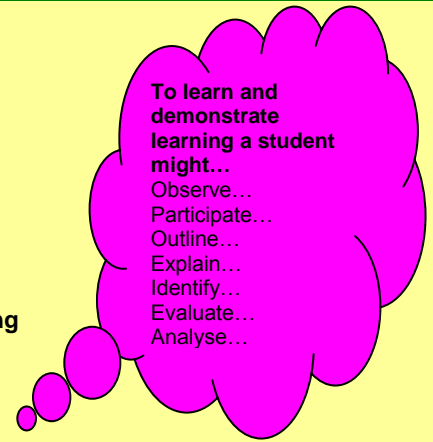


Learning Opportunities

Whilst on placement on antenatal clinic midwifery students will be given the opportunity to do the following at the appropriate level of learning:

Participate in the assessment of women at the initial visit to include taking history, providing relevant information and referral as necessary and identify risk factors for pregnancy

- Undertake a holistic antenatal examination to include reviewing the woman's chart, abdominal examination, fetal heart auscultation (monitoring if needed), maternal blood pressure and urinalysis.
- Assess, plan and implement women's ongoing antenatal care
- Communicate effectively and appropriately with the woman, partner, family and multidisciplinary team using ISBAR tool when appropriate.
- Work in partnership with women providing information and facilitate informed decision making
- Recognise deviations from normal, emergency and high risk situations and provide appropriate care
- Participate in the appropriate referral of women
- Participate in the ordering of antenatal investigations e.g. bloods, ultrasound scanning. Review results with an awareness of what the normal parameters are
- Access computer systems
- Gain an understanding of the medication a woman attending the antenatal clinic may be taking
- Provide health promotion education and information e.g. re advice about smoking cessation, diet/ healthy eating in pregnancy, pain relief in labour



Let's not forget the domains of competence
They represent the functions of a registered midwife

1. Professional /Ethical practice
2. Holistic Midwifery Practice
3. Interpersonal relationships
4. Organisational and co-ordination of midwifery care
5. Personal and professional development

- Discuss the birth plan with the woman/partner
- Provide information and promote breastfeeding
- Help to facilitate antenatal classes
- Participate in the midwives clinic
- Participate in obstetric clinics and the care of women with high risk pregnancies and pregnancy complications
- Observe fetal ultrasound scanning
- Care for a family experiencing bereavement and loss
- Document care provided under supervision
- Attend multidisciplinary meetings
- Be informed by multidisciplinary guidelines, policies and procedures

Year 1 BSc Midwifery Observer Participant.	Year 2 BSc Midwifery Novice Participant	Year 3 BSc Midwifery Supervised practitioner	Year 4 BSc Midwifery Competent practitioner
Please assess midwifery students recognising that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She/he is a novice to midwifery • Will require exposure to all aspects of midwifery care • Will be expected to participate in all aspects of care • Will be able to discuss basic concepts of care • Will need continuous prompting and considerable direction 	Please assess midwifery students recognising that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She/he will have had some exposure and participation in the provision of care • She/he will still need assistance and direct supervision • She/he may require frequent prompting • She/he should begin to identify his/her learning needs 	Please assess midwifery students recognising that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She/he can identify the needs of women and their families • Can begin to adopt a problem solving approach to care • Actively participate in the care of women and babies • Provide rationale for his/her actions Please understand it might be difficult for the midwifery student to prioritise care, but should demonstrate the awareness of the need for best practice and can identify their own learning needs	Please assess midwifery students recognising that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She/he can apply a systematic approach to care • Can demonstrate evidence based practice and critical thinking • Is capable of supporting and monitoring women, families and junior colleagues • She/he possesses many attributes including- practical and technical skills, communication and interpersonal skills organizational and managerial skills • Has the ability to perform as part of the health care team • Demonstrates a professional attitude, accepting responsibility for their own practice.